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The time has come when the thousands of friends of the late President H. H. Cherry feel that a last gesture of love and appreciation, coming from the hearts of those who knew and loved him, can be fittingly paid to the memory of a man who for nearly a half-century meant so much to our own school and to the cause of education generally throughout the State of Kentucky.

Unique in his field of endeavor and remarkably successful in his achievements, he has perhaps touched, encouraged and inspired more young lives than any man in the entire Southland. Countless numbers of young women and young men have passed out through the portals of Western Teachers College to take their place in life's battles bearing the impress of his dynamic personality, challenging courage and militant spirit, carrying in their hearts renewed faith and courage for what lay before them in an untried future.

A great educator, a great citizen, a great heart. We shall not look upon his like again.

And so here upon the scene of his life-long labors and activities, now stilled in death, we would erect with loving hands a monument in bronze that may tell future generations what the life of H. H. Cherry has meant to this community and to the State of Kentucky.

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